

SCHEDULE-VIII
Decision on IEE

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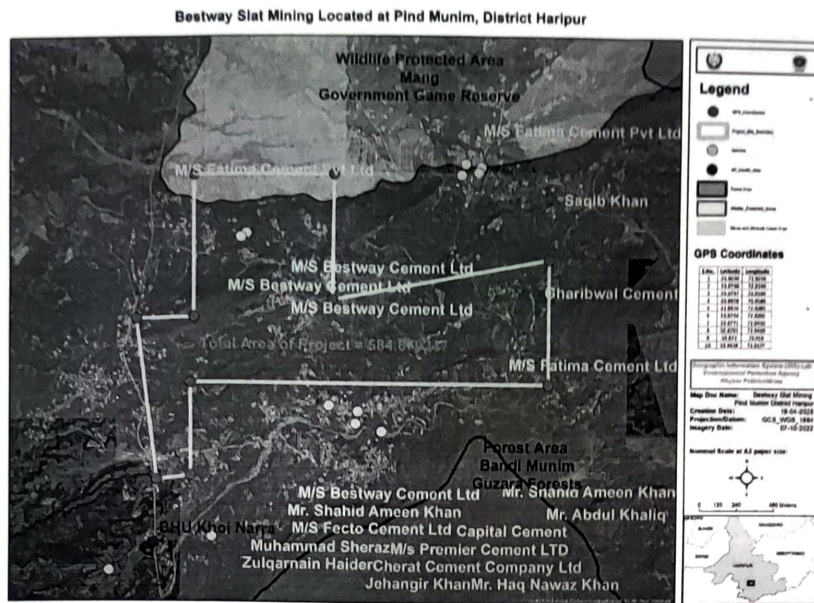
1. **Name & address of Proponent:** Mr. Mir Shabbir Ahmad,
M/S Bestway Cement Limited,
Mailing Address. Bestway Cement Limited,
Farooqia Plant, 12 KM Taxila Haripur Road,
District Haripur.
2. **Description of Project:**
"The proposed project for which Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) is conducted is "Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of Proposed Slate Mining Project by M/S Bestway Cement Limited, Village Pind Muneem, District Haripur". The subject project will deal with mining activity for non-metallic mineral such as Slate stone. Slate stone mineral is available in abundance in the vicinity of the proposed mining site. Slate stone deposits will be mined through surface pit mining by digging upto the depth of 08 meters along with precautionary measures. The subject project involves the mining of Slate stone deposits which is located in a barren area with very low vegetation presence. The proposed total area for the mining activity for Slate stone is 586.444 Acres. About 700-800 tones per day Slate stone deposits will be excavated from the leased slate stone mining area. Slate stone is an essential requirement for the production of cement hence to establish business for proponent and to provide employment opportunities to local people. The purpose of the IEE study is to identify the possible and beneficial Environmental Impacts of the proposed project and suggest the practical mitigation measures to be implemented to minimize the negative impacts of the subject proposed mining project.
3. **Location of Project:**
The project site is located at Village Pind Muneem, Haripur District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
4. **GPS Coordinates & Map:**


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S.No	Latitude	Longitude
1.	33.8656	72.9154
2.	33.8748	72.9144
3.	33.8747	72.9184
4.	33.8828	72.9188
5.	33.8824	72.9285
6.	33.8754	72.9281

7.	33.8771	72.9433
8.	33.8701	72.9429
9.	33.871	72.918
10.	33.8658	72.9177

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5. **Date of Filing of IEE:** 14/11/2024 (Ref: EPA Diary No.2961)
EPA Northern Directorate.
6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the **"Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of Proposed Slate Mining Project by M/S Bestway Cement Limited, Village Pind Muneem, District Haripur"** according to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a) This approval is accorded under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
 - b) This approval is accorded in light of the decision taken under Agenda item No. 06 in the 2nd Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held dated 11/09/2024 and Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFEWD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025.
 - c) This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force. The proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments under the prevailing laws/rules of the provincial government before commencement of the project.
 - d) The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures reflected in the submitted IEE Report as well as replies of the proponent submitted to this Agency and any un-anticipated impacts arising during the construction and operation phase of the project.

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- e) The proponent shall ensure the compliance and implementation of National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQs) for ambient air, noise, water and gaseous emission during the construction and operational phase of the project.
- f) The proponent shall provide the copy of this approval and IEE report to the contractor for information and compliance.
- g) The traffic management plan shall be developed and implemented during the material transportation.
- h) The proponent shall use the traffic routes mentioned in the IEE report and the reply submitted and shall not disturb/damage the existing roads. In case of any damage the proponent is liable for repair of the same.
- i) The transportation vehicles used for transportation of the mining material/debris shall be certified from the VETS. A compliance report in this regard shall be submitted to the Agency.
- j) According to the visit report of the visiting officers of Environmental Protection Agency dated 10/01/2025, initial excavation shall be carried out on 50 Kanals of land only through mechanical means, the proponent shall be bound for the same.
- k) The proponent shall not carryout blasting for mining.
- l) Each excavation/extraction site shall be at least at a distance of 400-500 meters from human settlement as committed in the IEE report.
- m) The proponent shall make contracts/agreements with the local people regarding the use of their land for project activities and make compensations prior to commencement of the project as per available/existing law & rules. The details of the same shall be shared with Environmental Protection Agency.
- n) The proponent in consultation with the local people & concerned authorities shall specify the surface rent for the mining leased area and make proper agreements accordingly.
- o) The proponent shall constitute a complaint redressal committee to address the complaints/issues of the local community.
- p) The proponent shall develop a comprehensive water management plan to prevent contamination of the nearby rain water channel(s).
- q) The proponent shall implement soil erosion control measures such as silt fences, vegetation cover, and berms to prevent soil degradation during the excavation/extraction of material.
- r) The solid waste generated from the mining activity as stones, mines residues etc, that cannot be used for cement production shall be utilized in restoration of the quarry area and during construction of Check dams. While

the municipal solid waste shall be properly disposed off in consultation with concerned authorities.

- s) The proponent shall adopt dust suppression techniques to reduce airborne dust during excavation especially during windy conditions.
- t) All the material transportation vehicles shall be properly covered to avoid dust/air pollution.
- u) The proponent shall conduct timely maintenance of all the machinery/equipment/vehicles involved in the project to avoid generation of Air pollution/Water pollution/Noise pollution/Soil contamination (if any).
- v) The proponent shall develop and implement site restoration and rehabilitation plan as mentioned in IEE report and the reply submitted according to the site conditions.
- w) According to the visiting officer's report dated 10/01/2025, the proponent shall extract material/make excavation in designated patches. After completion of work at each patch the proponent is bound to restore the same as committed in IEE report and a compliance report in this regard shall be submitted to this Agency.
- x) The proponent is bound for water sprinkling with the help of Water Bowser on all the paved & unpaved roads used for transportation. For the same purpose only water stored through rain water harvesting and treated effluent/wastewater shall be used as per SOPs mentioned in IEE report.
- y) The proponent shall restore the project/excavated sites for agricultural purpose as well as fruit orchards.
- z) The mining site/excavation area shall properly demarcated & fenced before commencement of work/project activities and safety sign boards in this regard shall be installed for awareness of public at the project site as well as where necessary.
- aa) The proponent shall ensure the implementation of health and safety measures for the protection of workers including provision of Personal Protective Equipment.
- bb) First aid measures/medical facility shall be provided to the project employees.
- cc) Plantation will be carried out according to plantation plan in the submitted IEE report, Orange Trees (912 No.), White Chaunsa Mango (2200 No.).
- dd) Green belts mentioned in the IEE report for Bestway Cement Plant at Farooqia, shall be developed and maintained.
- ee) Non-technical jobs must be provided to local community.
- ff) No extension should be permitted in the future in the existing project without prior approval of the EPA/Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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gg) The proponent is bound to implement any additional measures for the protection of Environment as and when suggested by EPA.

hh) Environment related messages shall be mounted in and outside of the project area.

ii) A Quarterly compliance report shall be submitted to this Agency.

7. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
8. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
9. This approval is accorded only for the installation/ construction phase of the project. The proponent will obtain approval for operation of the project in accordance with the Rule 15 (1) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment, Rule 2021.
10. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
12. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force.
13. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
14. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 **delegated Vide letter No. EPA/050/01/93/1730-34 dated 03/04/2025**, the undersigned is pleased to approve the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of Proposed Slate Mining Project by M/S Bestway Cement Limited, Village Pind Muneem, District Haripur of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the **Construction Phase** of the project with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 18/4/25

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